

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

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Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 450]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 450, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany House Concurrent Resolution 178, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report will be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the conference report, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Budget Committee.

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration as a matter of precaution. The general waiver includes a waiver of the three day availability requirement (clause 2(a), rule XXVIII). The rule provides for one hour of debate on the conference report instead of the five hours called for under section 305(a) of the Budget Act. A review of budget conference report rules over recent years reveals that eight of the nine rules granted provided for one hour of debate on the conference reports. The exception was in 1990 when the special rule provided for two hours of debate on the budget resolution conference report.

Finally, the rule does not address the issue of a motion to recommit because, under section 305(a)(6) of the Budget Act, “A motion to recommit the conference report is not in order, and it is not in

order to move to reconsider the vote by which the conference report is agreed to or disagreed to.”

